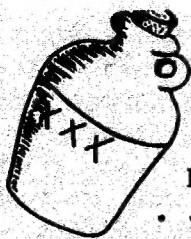


# The Contest JUG



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## FRESNO FOOTNOTE

The Fresno weekend and associated activities were all that anybody expected -- and then some. The JUG Editor is in possession of a select selection of tapes, photographs and films recording the better moments. In exchange for fair remuneration, he will surrender them to the individuals whose exploits have been captured therein for, uh, posterity.

Small unmarked bills only, please.

## PRESIDENTIAL POMPOSITIES

One of the good things about the JUG is that it offers the Club President space to address the membership each month if he chooses to do so. One of the bad things about the JUG is that he always chooses to do so.

Anyway, heeeeeeeere's Billy . . .

NCCC #3 in the '74 SS -- terrific! But now it's 1975, so let's look onward and upward. Since a first-place finish apparently requires only 80K points more than 2nd, we might as well shoot directly for #1 this year. However, we need someone to kick in that extra 80K. If all of you who have not yet indicated that you are planning a full-bore effort in the upcoming SS will kindly volunteer to contribute an extra 80K (that's 40K per mode for most members), WE WILL WIN IN '75!

Our regular meeting shifts to Vacaville (see p. 3) this month to give SV members a much-deserved break and to give SV non-members a chance to find out what the NCCC has to offer. With three popular contests coming up in June (Field Day, All Asian phone and VHF QSO Party), there will be plenty to talk about, and the respective Committee representatives will be bringing us up to date on the NCCC game-plan for each contest. Since our Club members will be operating at quite a few different FD locations this year, the feature part of the program will be a discussion of Field Day setup ideas by all present. Bring your favorite portable-operation hints & kinks to the meeting.

Many thanks to WA8VRB/WA1PID/WA7WXY/VY7TRE for his April Ensemble of Illuminating Explan-

ations. GL at Idaho State, Rick -- and come back and see us again soon!

The By-Laws Committee (W1ARR/6, WB6CEP, WA6PMK, W6RGG) has done the deed, as promised. The results of our blood, sweat, tears & booze will be made available to all shortly, preparatory to a vote. We hope you will find the changes constructive and will demonstrate your approval by electing them.

Don't forget the NPG Armed Forces Day operations of May 17. K6HIH, K6AUC and W6RGG have done a fine job lining up some good frequencies and operating times (see elsewhere in the JUG for details), so grab your receiver (and keyer, if you plan to operate CW) and head for Skagg's Island.

I now return you to that famous W(1)ARRior, Chief S--tting Bull. -- 73, Bill, WB6CEP

((NOTE TO READERS: You may find something worth reading in the other pages. BH))

## NOVEMBER PAPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cliff, K6HIH, has come through with all the poop on our participation at NPG on Armed Forces Day, May 17. Here's your opportunity to operate outside the ham bands and run QRO legally (instead of on the sly like you're doing at home).

Cliff says there are receivers there but they aren't really suited to our kind of operating, so you're better off bringing your own beast along. Also bring headphones and a  
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## PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

May	17	Armed Forces Day (NPG)
	19	NCCC Club meeting, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Vacaville
June	21-22	All Asian DX Test (SSB)
	23	NCCC Club meeting, American S&L Bldg., Hayward
	28-29	ARRL Field Day
July	12-13	ARRL Open CD Party (CW)
	19-20	ARRL Open CD Party (SSB)
	28	NCCC Club meeting, American S&L Bldg., Hayward

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key of some kind if you want to go on CW.  
Food and drink will be supplied at the affair  
for those who keep the rate up.

Here are the freqs and times allotted to  
us (times are GMT, freqs are not):

4001.5 (SSB)	1300-1500, 1700-2100
4005 (CW)	1500-1700, 1900-2300
4010 (CW)	0100-0245
6989 (CW)	1500-2100, 0100-0245
7301.5 (SSB)	1500-1900, 0100-0245
7365 (CW)	1300-1500, 1900-2100, 2300-0245
14356 (SSB)	1300-1500, 2100-2300, 0100-0245
14375 (CW)	1300-1700
20989 (CW)	Band opening till 2100
20998.5 (SSB)	Band opening till 2100

And here's a breakdown on how many ops  
we'll need in each time period (event begins  
at 1300 GMT, ends at 0245 GMT):

1300-1500	(4)	2100-2300	(2)
1500-1700	(6)	2300-0100	(1)
1700-1900	(5)	0100-0245	(5)
1900-2100	(6)		

According to Cliff, there's no way to as-  
sign any given times or freqs to all ops;  
but everyone should have a chance to pollute  
the airwaves at one time or another during  
the affair. Let's show these military types  
how hotshot civilians operate!

SWILL FROM DIL

Looks like it's time to get the ball rol-  
ling, folks! The California QSO Party is  
really shaping up under the leadership of  
W6OAT. Be thinking about what county you'd  
like to go to. If you need suggestions, be

sure to contact Rusty.

Field Day is fast approaching us. Oliver  
is getting things together for our site, and  
everything looks good. We will be running 3  
xmtrs under the call W6OAT/6. Also, the San  
Carlos RC will be looking for operators for  
their 5-xmtr effort. So we should be able to  
work in all the ops we can get. There will  
be a separate FD get-together soon. If you  
marked "yes" for NCCC Field Day, then we will  
be getting in touch with you when this meet-  
ing date has been set.

There seems to be a lot of interest in a  
DXpedition, and the most checked-off contest  
was the CQ WW (CW) in November. We'll need  
someone to head up a committee if we're going  
to do something. Come to the next Club meet-  
ing with your ideas.

Keep your eyes open for prospective new  
members -- listen on the air and in contests.  
We need more good operators for the SS!

Anyone interested in the All Asian Test  
this year? Dean, WB6AIN, has graciously vol-  
unteered to head up this year's effort, so  
help him out.

And last but not least, if you are one of  
the few who have not sent in their activities  
questionnaires, please do it now! If we don't  
know what things you're interested in, then  
we may disappoint you, and we don't want that,  
so get them in to me.

Remember, spring is the time for new ante-  
nas to bud, so if you need help let me know --  
the Erector Set is eager & willing to help.

-- 73, Dave, WA6DIL

AINAL REMARKS

The All Asian Contest (SSB) is coming up  
on us fast: 1000Z June 21 to 1600Z June 22.  
This is one week before Field Day weekend, so

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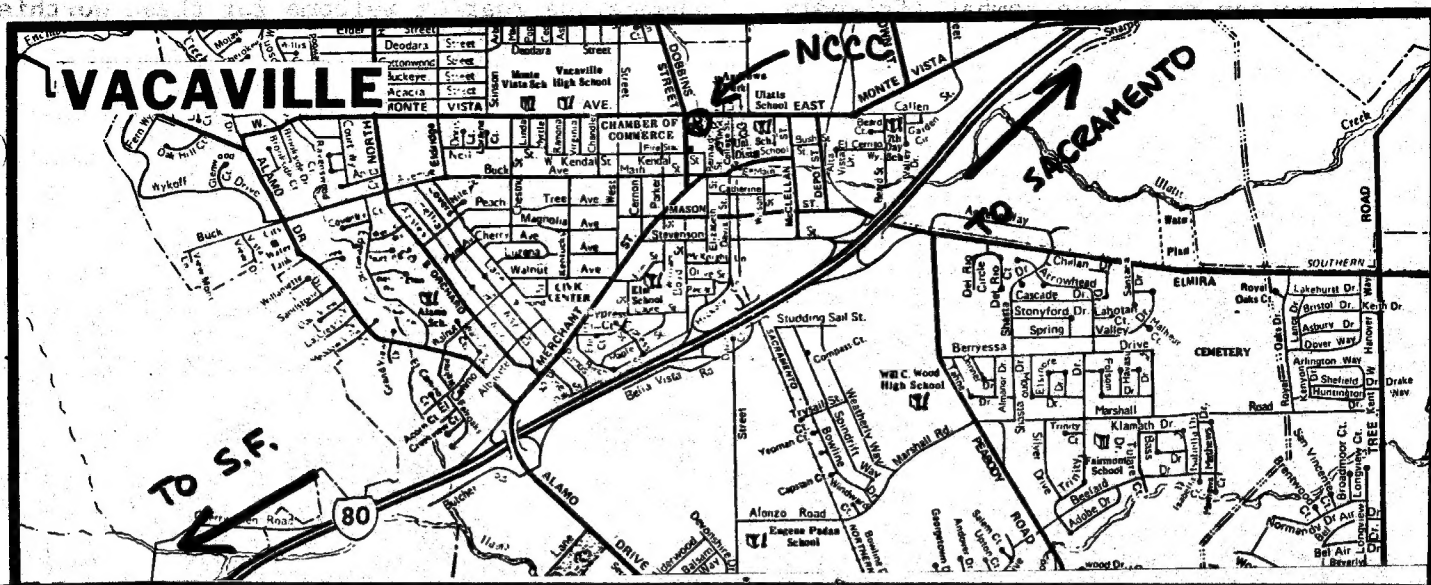
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The May 19 meeting of the NCCC will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Vacaville, which is somewhere or other between San Francisco and Sacramento just off Interstate Hwy 80. Coming from SF, take the first Vacaville turnoff, go RIGHT at the end of the ramp onto Alamo Drive. Cross over the freeway and take a RIGHT at the traffic light; that puts you on Merchant St. Three traffic lights later should be Mason; the next LEFT is Dobbins. Pass the Fire Station and you'll find the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. on or near the corner of Dobbins and East Monte Vista. The above map shows it all clearly. . . . If you're coming from the Sacramento direction, you can probably take either of the exits just east of Vacaville. According to my map, they both dump you out on Monte Vista, which you would follow westward until it intersects Dobbins. Or, if you prefer, take the same route as those coming from the SF direction. Who cares? Just show up, that's all. . . . Oh yes, starting time is 7:30 PM sharp, approximately.

it should be a great way to get the rust out of the keys and stretch out those creaky vocal cords idle since the spring DX Test doings. (See, dear readers, other people besides BH are capable of dredging up all sorts of turgid prose.)

Ex-Chairman AIN has been coaxed out of obscurity again to coach, plead, cajole and wheedle the assembled multitude of NCCC'ers to reach new pinnacles of achievement in the AA phone. (Gad, it's hard to write like this -- I'll leave it to GLF/ARR from now on. My finger is all worn out thumbing through Roget's Thesaurus.) ((How can a finger thumb? BH)).

Seriously, though, for those who may be new to the Club, the All Asian Contest has historically been a special project for the NCCC. Without exaggeration, I think it can be said that the contest would have had a tough time becoming as popular as it has without the promotion and devotion of the NCCC.

Last year was the first time a phone section was run, and, although official results

haven't arrived from the JARL, preliminary standings forecast a terrific showing by NCCC types in all categories. By definition, of course, last year's phone scores were all new world records, so any super efforts this year should have good shots at becoming immortal!

Personally speaking, I can be most enthusiastic in a contest when I challenge (or am challenged by) another contester whose ability I feel is roughly equal to my own. I have often had my butt thoroughly stomped but have come out of every contest having learned something that I should/shouldn't have done; thus I always resurface with enthusiasm to revenge my inglorious defeats.

For the AA phone I have probably gone off the deep end a bit, having had the gauntlet flung down by W6BHY and W6OAT. I understand that W6PAA may also throw in for the fracas on 20M. W6OKK and WB6DSV are out for revenge this year, along with Rubin's hide, in the multi-single category; and K6AHV might also get involved in an all-band single-op thing, challenging all comers -- especially K6UA.

Consider thus, folks, the possibility of

heads-on, person-to-person combat (friendly, please) as an added element in getting the old adrenalin up for the big push. This can be done formally or informally, publicly or privately. Be sure to pick out another station/operator against which/whom there is some possibility of competing and who would be willing to accept the challenge.

Again, I'll try to act as a central clearing-house for information on who has unused stations or who has need of hired guns. Get in touch with me concerning your plans and let's make this one heck of a contest, dozo.

-- 73, Dean, WB6AIN

Exuberant little feller, ain't he? But such exuberance is necessary if we are to make an extra-FB showing in this year's fracas. So let's all get in there and work those JA's -- and remember, they're cheaper by the dozo.

#### REPEATER REPEATER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE

W6RGG reports that, in a spirit worthy of the Marines raising the flag on Mt. Suribachi, the Repeater Committee (Robert G. Gallio plus WB6OOL, VE7AUA/W6 and WA6CVU) spent much of a recent drizzly Saturday relocating WR6ADM at the QTH of W6MAV in El Cerrito.

While this move is only temporary, we can now bask in the comfortable realization that WR6ADM has taken up residence 1000 feet above mean sea level, thus widening its coverage area to include Sacramento and vicinity. The Committee hopes that those who are inclined toward this sort of thing will take advantage of the added coverage.

The Committee, and indeed the whole Club, thanks Don for helping them set up (he got as wet as anybody), providing the location and letting us have gratis electricity (or is that electricity gratis, grammarwise?).

An ADMirable job, gents.

#### THREE FOR THE MONEY

Was it P. T. Barnum who said, "There's a sucker born every minute"? Now what in the world made our thoughts turn in that kind of direction? Anyway, our ranks became ranker than ever last month with the addition of three new members, two of whom could be termed carpetbaggers (but they're our kind of carpetbaggers).

All three of these guys showed up at the meeting in Berkeley but they still decided to join the Club. Although we'd never admit it, we're glad to have them aboard.

Let there be trumpets, hosannas and a

thunderous roar of welcome for these worthies:

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Homer, W7EXM, is one of the notorious W7RM and/or W7SFA crew. He's 34, has been a ham for 21 years and possesses an Extra. Likes to operate 50% phone, 50% CW and 50% "other." You may have worked him as W8QXH or G5AXF. He'll be on from WA6HAF in the SS, we assume.

Dan, K7JCA, is another W7RM/W7SFA person. Only 30 but has had his license 17 years; is Extra Classy, too. Like Homer, he's 50-50 as to mode preference. Describing his attitude toward contests as "love 'em all," Dan will presumably join EXM at Ronn's for the SS.

Chuck, K6UWR, is East Bay SCM, which gives the NCCC a clean sweep of Northern California SCM's. He's 39, has been ticketed 18 years and holds an Advanced. Chuck's Drake-Line station will be found on SSB 80% of the time, unfortunately. He's a past President of SARO.

Erratum: Last month we said that W6LPM had been licensed 12 years although he's only 29. What we should have said was that Verne had been licensed 17 years although he's only 29. You see, 17 from 29 is 12, and we . . . uh, well, your Editor ran out of fingers and was unable to get at his toes.

#### NEWS FROM THE UPPER EAST BAY (OR: IT WASN'T IN THE TRIB)

These tidbits of trivia have been supplied by WB6CEP:

W6MAV plans to erect a 100' Sky Needle with 3L on 40, 5L on 20, 6L on 15 and 5L on 10 in the next month or so. Don was out of town for the April meeting in Berkeley but hopes to attend a future meeting soon, busy schedule permitting.

WB6IPC is ready to make his move on 20 now that W6BB's TH6 is again rotatable. Fred also awaits with bated breath the completion of BB's new SB104/SB230 combo. And he still seeks a squeeze-type paddle for \$20-30 or so.

K6AUC is gung-ho for NPG operations this month and is also working on Richmond ARC's (W6IFZ) Field Day extravaganza.

WB6GLF will guest-operate at WLARR/1 (Murphy's Marauders) on Field Day. ((Talk about "in" jokes . . . BH)).

WA6NLQ is pounding the books (as opposed to brass or pillows) in the tough EE program at UC. Stu says he can still vaguely remember what contesting is like, so we can hope for a revival about mid-June. Hope your back problems have cleared up by then, Stu.

Bill's was the only "bureau" report received this month. How about it, OM's?

#### A FISTFUL OF \$, PSE

A few issues back, we requested that Club members residing outside local Club territory send W6KHI \$2 if they wished to continue receiving the JUG. Only one remittance has found its way to Dennis thus far. That leaves at least half a dozen laggards -- or perhaps they don't want to read the JUG any more. Who can blame them?

Well, whatever. Attention, Club members living more than 175 miles from Castro Valley (airline): please send W6KHI two bucks June 1 or you will be dropped from the mailing list. When and if the proposed dues procedure is adopted, that \$2 will be credited toward the \$3 annual extortion for out-of-territory folk.

W6KHI goes by the name of Dennis Ross and lives at 2079 15th Ave., SF, CA 94116.

#### STAND BY, THE BAY-TO-BREAKERS

The Contest Club will add a new kind of endurance to its repertoire this coming May 18 as six long-legged NCCC'ers hit the road in the 7.6-mile San Francisco Bay-to-Breakers race. W6NUT, W6OAT, WA6PMK, WA6QGW, W6RNF, K4TKM/6 and WB6CEP will join a throng of more than 5,000 (and you thought Field Day was popular!) to elbow their way from downtown up the notorious Hayes St. hill, hold on through Golden Gate Park and finally frantically (flaccidly?) finish on the Great Highway.

In terms of our aggregate Club score in this event, I think I can safely predict that the NCCC will be the fastest amateur radio club in the contest. NCCC #1 in '75! -- WB6CEP.

#### SEDIMENT

JA3USA passed his Advanced Class exam.

Way to go, Honorable Mac! . . . WA6HAF (ex-WA6GMR) is currently locked in mortal combat with the City of Davis. You guessed it: the familiar hassle over zoning in connection with tower height, etc., etc., etc., ad nauseam. We're with ya, Ronn. . . . NCCC Net QNI for April: WA6HAF 5, K6HIH 5, WA6JVD 5, W6KHI 5, WA6DIL 4, WB6DSV 4, W6BB (WB6CEP) 3, K6ILM 3, W6OAT 3, K6UWR 3, WB6AIN 2, WB6JGS (who?) 2, K6KM 2, WB6OOL 2, VE3DXV/W6 1, K6EBB 1, W6KYA 1, K6SDR 1, WA6TQK 1. Ooops, and W6RGG 5. . . . WB6CEP says he formally accepts W6RGG's challenge in the CW SS. W6RGG says he doesn't remember any challenge. . . . Still on the subject of challenges, the original Berkeley Contingent has formed a new coalition calling itself the Mobiliers of Berkeley. The MOB Squad hereby announces its intention to take on any and all comers and set a new all-time record for the highest score in the California QSO Party. David vs. Goliath or Mobility vs. Crunch -- up against the wall, Big Sigs! (Tnx WB6CEP.)

#### STATIONS OF THE MONTH

This month, the JUG adds a new permanent feature: Stations of the Month. It seemed appropriate at this time to provide some kind of statistical summary to give members an idea of what gear is most popular with the NCCC Wild Bunch.

Based on the first 56 questionnaires received by WA6DIL, Collins equipment is the most popular (18), followed by Drake (13), Yaesu (10), Heath (8) and Kenwood (7). Many members have a second receiver on hand, the majority of which are older-model Collins. Eight NCCC'ers have two complete stations, while two have three such!

Fourteen people prefer the ole homebrew when it comes to the cruncher, followed by Heath SB220 (8), Heath SB200 (7), Alpha (5) and Henry (4). Fifteen ops go with tribanders while 16 others like several monoband beams. Most of the latter have two, or sometimes 3, elements on 40, as do several of the tribander group. Dipoles and verticals split about evenly for most of the rest of the gang.

Remember, only members who have turned in their activities questionnaires will be listed in Stations of the Month. -- WB6CEP.

In selecting Stations of the Month, your JUG Head uses a rather complex scientific method. Without going into a lot of technical jargon that would be over the heads of our members, let us merely mention that it involves blindly picking numbers between 1 and 56. Turn this page over and see who's first.



May we have the envelope, please. . . .  
Hmmm, Number 29. Number 29 is . . . why, it  
is none other than W6KHI, our esteemed Sec/  
Treas. Dennis sports a Kenwood TS520, Heath-  
kit SB200 amp and KR40 keyer. Radiation is  
accomplished by means of a tribander at 40'  
plus dipoles for 40 and 80.

Next is WA6BVY. Fred has a 2-meter rig.  
That's it. No frills. A 2-meter rig. Well,  
why not?

Moving right along . . . WA6GSN has a col-  
lection of random gadgetry that includes a  
GE 450-MHz rig (not working), an electronic-  
keyer key sans keyer, a phone patch (not con-  
nected), a Cush-Craft beam for 450, a home-  
brew beam for 450 (no coax), a baseball mit  
and a Frisbee (Wham-O). We can't figure out  
whether Mitch just came back from a rummage  
sale or ought to hold one.

WA6QGW is the owner of a Collins S-Line,  
three KW amps (3-KW amps?), 400' of tower  
(presently horizontal) and two mountain-top-  
view lots. Oliver's aerial hardware consists  
of 4L for 20 on a 36' boom, 6L for 15 on 32',  
6L for 10 on 32' and 2L for 40 on 16'. The  
horizontal towers will all be vertical come  
Field Day, when the W6OAT/6 crew will have  
erected them. Oliver is no dummy . . .

And our last Station of the Month, K6ILM.  
Elliott's attractive SF/Mission District QTH  
contains an S-Line, a homebrew amp with a  
pair of 4-400's and a ground-plane antenna.  
He's also got a homebrew iambic keyer and  
his station features full break-in.

There now, that didn't hurt a bit, did it?  
More of the same next month.

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W6RGG will sign KE6ITU again May 10-18 or so.

NCCC —

#1 in

'75 SS!

Right?

Right!

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